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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuhiro SATO, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: APPARATUS FOR CORRECTION BASED UPON DETECTING A CAMERA SHAKING

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Further Examination of the above-named patent application has led to the following outcome.

For preparing a response, a **time period of**

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Documents which may be enclosed with the Response (e.g. description, parts of the description, patent claims, drawings) are each required in **duplicate**, on separate sheets. Only one copy of the Response itself is needed.

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In this Official Letter, the following citation is mentioned for the first time (the numbering of which will be maintained throughout the proceedings):

(3) EP 0 611 125 A1

The Official Letter is based on patent claim 1, newly filed in the submission of July 31, 2002.

With respect to the use of angular velocity sensors for correcting camera shaking, citation (3) is cited. Using the signal of an angular velocity sensor for correcting is known from column 1, line 32 to column 2, line 13 of this citation.

In view of the sum of the prior art known, the subject of claim 1 is based on an inventive step and claim 1 can form the basis for the grant of a patent.

The Applicant is asked to submit sub-claims adapted to the new patent claim 1 as well as adapted independent claim 13, and to take the demonstrated prior art (1) to (3) into account in an introduction to the introductory part of the description.

The grant of a patent cannot yet be decided on the strength of the documents currently on file.

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